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DETAILED ACTION

Requirement for Restriction

Upon further review, the Examiner has determined that the requirement for restriction of June 18, 2003 is not proper; therefore, the requirement for restriction is withdrawn.

Claims 1-10 are thus presently examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka (JP-2001-083486) in view of Yeager et al. (US 6,002,582).

Per claims 1-10: Tanaka is drawn to a mounting structure and structure of a liquid crystal display panel. Tanaka teaches the steps of fixedly holding a display panel in a panel-mounting case with at least two holding members disposed at different positions from each other (Figures 3, 6, 11, and 12) and fastened to the inner main-face of said panel-mounting case. The holding members may be screw-fitted or fixed.

Tanaka also has the step of covering edge portions of the display panel in the panel mounting case with a predetermined panel edge cover (Figure 10). The display panel is mounted in the common display panel housing (PAJ).

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The Examiner notes that the Tanaka invention is drawn to the mounting of various sized and various shaped panels (PAJ).

Tanaka does not appear to illustrates the step of inserting the display panel through at least a first spacer that is located between a back face of the display panel and an inner main face of the panel mounting case; however, Yeager is drawn to an adapter for various LCD sizes in a computer whereby standoffs (reference item 49 in Figures 3,4,6, and 7) and spring fingers (60) and spaced apart tabs (46a) are included in the base.

The standoffs, in conjunction with fasteners, apertures, spring fingers, and spaced apart tabs, aid in the sliding and securing of a panel into an adapter for securing the panel into its case (Col. 3, Lines 50-65).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Tanaka in view of Yeager for securing different sized and different shaped liquid crystal display panels into a predetermined case.

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